

# Machine Learning 1

Lecture 5.3 - Supervised Learning  
Bayesian Linear Regression - Approximating  
the Model Evidence

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*(Bishop 3.5.0)*



# Model Evidence for Linear Basis Models

- Full Bayesian treatment to model evidence:

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{X}, \mathcal{M}_i) &= \iiint \underbrace{p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{w}, \beta, \mathcal{M}_i)p(\mathbf{w}|\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{X}, \alpha, \mathcal{M}_i)}_{\text{assume sharply peaked at } \alpha^*, \beta^*} p(\alpha, \beta|\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{X}, \mathcal{M}_i) d\mathbf{w} d\alpha d\beta \\
 &= \iint p(\underline{t}|\mathbf{X}, \alpha, \beta, \mathcal{M}_i) \underbrace{p(\alpha, \beta|\underline{t}, \mathbf{X}, \mathcal{M}_i)}_{\text{assume sharply peaked at } \alpha^*, \beta^*} d\alpha d\beta
 \end{aligned}$$

- Empirical Bayes / evidence approximation:

$$p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{X}, \mathcal{M}_i) \approx p(\underline{t}|\mathbf{X}, \alpha^*, \beta^*, \mathcal{M}_i)$$

$$\alpha^*, \beta^* = \underset{\alpha, \beta}{\operatorname{argmax}} p(\alpha, \beta|\underline{t}, \mathbf{X}, \mathcal{M}_i)$$

$$\approx \underset{\alpha, \beta}{\operatorname{argmax}} p(\underline{t}|\mathbf{X}, \alpha, \beta, \mathcal{M}_i) p(\alpha, \beta|\mathcal{M}_i)$$

model selection

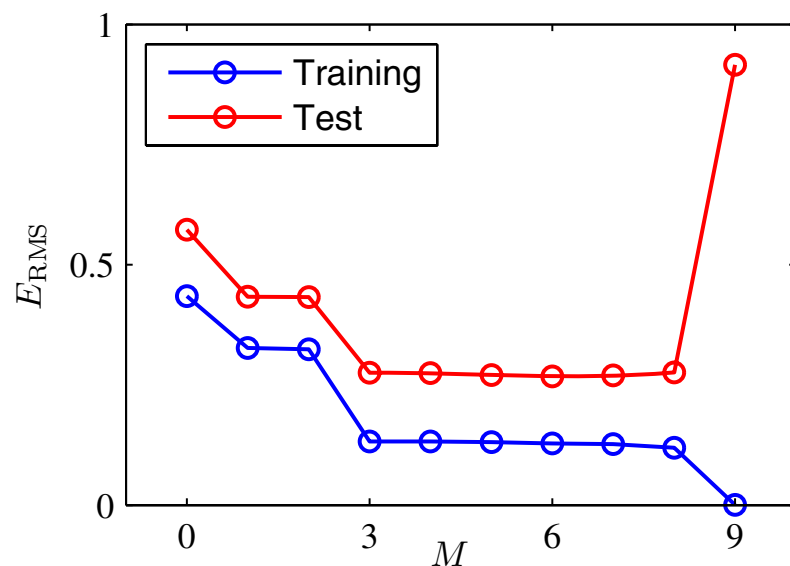
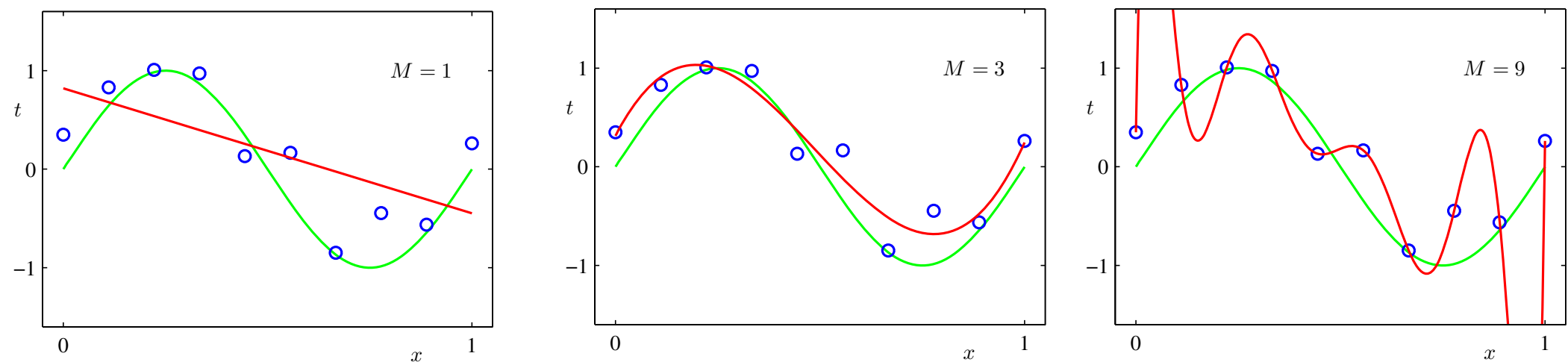
- Predictive distribution:

$$p(t'|\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{X}, \mathcal{M}_i) \approx p(t'|\mathbf{x}', \underline{t}, \mathbf{X}, \alpha^*, \beta^*, \mathcal{M}_i)$$

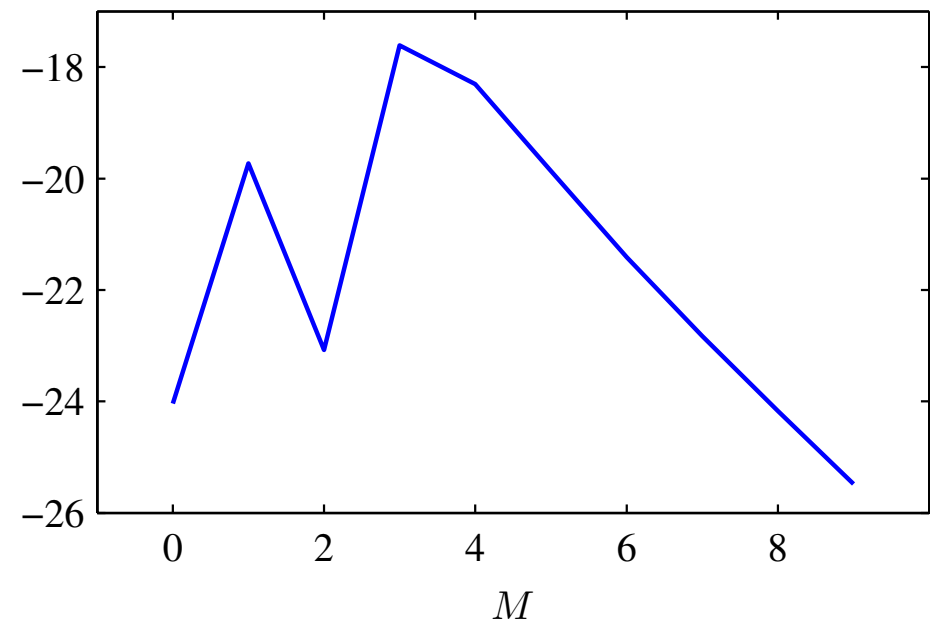
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# Polynomial Regression: Choosing M

Model complexity: trade-off between model fit and model complexity



**Figure:  $E_{\text{rmse}}$**  (Bishop 1.5)



**Figure: log model evidence** (Bishop 3.14)